

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 355-368 are pending. Claims 321-354 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 355-368 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations in the base claims from which they previously depended, claims 321, 325, 330, 334, 335, 337 and 338. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by these amendments.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 321, 322, 325, 330, 334-335, 337-338, and 348-354 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,783,657 to Pavlin et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,423,324 to Murphy et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,830,483 to Seidel et al. See final Office Action dated June 2, 2005 at page 2.

Claims 321, 322, 325, 330, 334-335, 337-338, and 348-354 have been canceled, thereby rendering the foregoing rejection moot.

III. OBJECTION

The Examiner objected to claims 355-368 for being dependent on rejected base claims, but the Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. See final Office Action dated June 2, 2005 at page 4.

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, claims 355-368 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claims.

Accordingly, claims 355-368, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable, are in condition for allowance and timely allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

IV. COPENDING APPLICATIONS

In previous submissions, Applicants noted information regarding co-pending applications and patents, including the present application, and submitted copies of the pending claims as of the date of those submissions for every case identified. Applicants submit herewith, as Exhibit A, a copy of the pending and/or issued claims of Application Nos. 11/406,371, 10/129,377, 11/312,338 (Attorney Docket No. 05725.1538-00), 10/747,412, 10/746,612, 10/466,168, 10/450,108, 10/312,083, 11/351,309, 10/012,052, 10/990,475, 10/993,430, 10/699,780, 09/749,036, 11/826,997, 10/203,254, 11/212,811, 10/787,440 (issued on March 14, 2006 as U.S. Patent No. 7,011,823), 10/203,018 (issued on December 27, 2005 as U.S. Patent No. 6,979,469), 09/733,897, 10/918,579, 09/733,898, 09/733,896 (issued on October 2, 2007 as U.S. Patent No. 7,276,547), 10/182,830, 09/685,577 (issued on December 5, 2006 as U.S. Patent No. 7,144,582), 09/628,066 (issued on November 1, 2005 as U.S. Patent No. 6,960,339), 10/012,051 (issued on April 19, 2005 as U.S. Patent No. 6,881,400), 10/047,987 (issued on May 30, 2006 as U.S. Patent No. 7,052,681), 10/203,374 (issued on April 4, 2006 as U.S. Patent No. 7,023,552), 10/203,375 (issued on April 18, 2006 as U.S. Patent No. 7,030,985), 09/937,314 (issued on March 22, 2005 as U.S. Patent No. 6,869,594), 10/198,931 (issued on March 7, 2006 as U.S. Patent No. 7,008,629), 10/046,568 (issued on April 11, 2006 as U.S. Patent No. 7,025,953), and 10/494,864, which have

been amended or issued since March 1, 2005. Applicant submits those claims for the Office's convenience in evaluating any potential issues regarding statutory or obviousness-type double patenting.

V. CONCLUSION

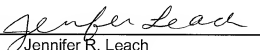
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this claimed invention is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Submission, the Examiner's reconsideration of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Exhibit A -- 34 Sets of Claims from Co-Pending Applications